KAKIHARA ET AL. - 09/819,827 Client/Matter: 041194-0279165

REMARKS

By this Rule 312 Amendment, the Applicants respectfully request amendment of the specification to add the priority information which was inadvertently omitted when this application was filed. A Petition under Rule 78(a)(3) requesting delayed entry of this claim for priority requirement is hereby submitted herewith.

This Rule 312 Amendment does not require further searching by the Examiner since the changes are purely formal in nature. The application transmittal indicated that the application was claiming international priority under 35 U.S.C. § 365(c) and the application cover sheet shows the continuation box checked with content of the international parent incorporated by reference. Accordingly, the submission of this Rule 312 Amendment should not hinder allowance of this application as a United States Patent.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not otherwise accounted for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 and refer to Order No. 041194/0279165.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

CAROLINE D. DENNISON

Reg. No. 34494

Tel. No. (703) 905-2047 Fax No. (703) 905-2500

Date: November 3, 2004 P.O. Box 10500 McLean, VA 22102 (703) 905-2000

CDD/smw

Enclosure: Courtesy Copy of the Petition being filed with the Petitions Branch